

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Lottery ticket dispensing housings are provided with a hinged, transparent rear and top cover, a hinged front wall, and a powered ticket drive and separator module. A relatively tall embodiment of the dispenser with a small footprint is fitted onto the countertop of a check-out counter of a retail store. The top of the housing is flat so as to provide a convenient place for customers to write checks with the tickets being displayed immediately below being highly visible to the customer. A display of relatively flat and short dispensers is provided wherein a rack or housing supports the dispensers one a top of the other in a vertical array. In such a rack or housing the units are connected together electrically in a daisy-chain manner and one control device (point-of-sale terminal, computer or on-line terminal) operates all connected dispensers. The dispensers are shifted laterally with respect to one another to as to give greater viewability of the contents of each of the dispensers to a customer. The length of each dispenser can be decreased with the increasing elevation of the dispenser so as to provide a vertical alignment of the front sides of the dispensers, the side through which tickets are dispensed. A ticket drive and dispensing module is provided which will fit into any of the housings with a minimum of mounting effort or hardware. This relatively flat and short dispenser can also be mounted vertically on a wall or a stand to provide additional convenient installation operations. In such case multiple units are to be daisy-chained together as described above and one control device operates the connected dispensers.